



AFTER CARE

Electrodesiccation and Curettage (ED&C) Wound Care Instructions

ED&C is a common procedure used to treat certain types of superficial skin cancers. The wound typically takes 3–6 weeks to heal fully, though healing may take longer on the lower extremities.

Wound Care Instructions:

- Keep the wound clean, dry, and covered for the first 24 hours.
- After 24 hours, gently cleanse the area using mild soap and water once daily.
- Apply a thin layer of Aquaphor or Vaseline to the wound, cover it with a clean bandage, and change the dressing daily.
- It is safe to get the wound wet; however, always replace the dressing if it becomes wet.
- A slight rim of redness (up to ¼ inch) around the wound is normal during the first few weeks of healing.
- Mild tenderness is expected, but the wound should not be painful.

Contact Our Office If You Experience:

- Increasing pain at or around the treatment site.
- Redness spreading more than ¼ inch beyond the wound's edge.
- Excessive drainage, especially if it has a foul odor.
- Swelling of the wound or surrounding area.
- Concerns that the wound is not healing as expected.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns regarding your healing process.

If you have questions or concerns, please call the office at 603-742-5556.